GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

CIVIL SUPPLIES- Paddy Procurement operations Khariff 2023-24 - Requirement of once used gunny bags for paddy filling – arrangements for collection of gunnies required from the millers – Orders -Issued.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & CIVIL SUPPLIES (CS-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.40 **Dated:31-08-2023**

Read

Lr.No. Proc./Paddy Procurement/2023-24 Dated: 28.08.2023 of VC &MD, APSCSCL, Vijayawada.

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ORDER:-

Government of Andhra Pradesh is committed to farmers welfare and accordingly brought out several reforms in Paddy Procurement with a view to ensure eliminating the role of middlemen to provide full Minimum Support Price to the farmers.

These reforms include declaring Rythu Bharosa Kendras as Paddy Procurement Centers, e-Crop data as single source of truth as far as to record the actual cultivations and actual extent and making payment to Aadhaar linked bank accounts of farmers.

To enable RBK perform the role of Procurement Centers, effectively, advance positioning of once used gunnies (OUGs) at RBKs or at storage spaces close to RBKs is very critical.

VC & MD has informed in the reference read above that major portion of once used gunnies are in the possession of rice millers and to implement Paddy Procurement in a hassle-free manner it is inevitable to pool up the once used gunnies available with rice millers in advance along with minor quantities of such gunnies available with FP Shops & PACS.

Further it is informed that every season the millers enters MoU with AP Civil Supplies Corporation which is the nodal agency for Paddy Procurement in the State for custom milling of the Paddy Procurement and deliver converted rice to Corporation for onward distribution to cardholders under PDS.

It is further informed that DFPD, Government of India fixes gunny user charges for transportation of paddy in the provisional/final cost sheet and the millers who supply gunnies are entitled for these charges and also entitled for return of the gunnies supplied by the millers.

Taking into consideration of the proposal submitted by VC & MD, APSCSCL the following guidelines are issued for pooling of gunnies from millers ahead of commencement of Procurement of Paddy, to ensure smooth process of Procurement of Paddy during the Khariff and Rabi seasons.

1. Paddy allotment quantity for custom milling shall be linked with milling capacity of the mill which will be subjected to the pre-condition that the miller is duty bound to supply proportionate number of once used gunnies in advance at the localities specified by Collector(CS). Non supply or not supplying in time will automatically result in reduction of the custom milling paddy target and further action of removing such mills from panel of mills for custom milling.

2. The miller must check quality and fitness of these once used gunny bags to ensure only those gunnies which are fit for filling the paddy and their transportation shall only be supplied with clear and distinct stencilling for easy differentiation between gunnies supplied by APSCSCL and gunnies provided by the farmers themselves. Each bundle shall be having 50 gunnies each.

3. Random quality checks of these once used gunny bags shall be conducted by the Revenue/Civil Supplies staff or whomsoever assigned for this task by Collector(CS) at the mill point before dispatch and by the PSA staff after their delivery at respective RBK/Mandal Level Godown.

4. In cases where a miller intentionally fails to supply these once used gunny bags, the Collector (CS) has the authority to suspend such mills from participation in custom milling of paddy.

5. Already a provision has been made within the paddy procurement portal and the respective DCSM has to enter the number of once used gunny bags which the miller has supplied. As already informed the paddy allocation quantity to miller shall be strictly based on the quantity of gunny bags supplied and recorded in the portal along with the supporting bank guarantee given by the miller and the milling capacity.

6. The State Rice Millers Association and the District Rice Millers Associations are required to prevail on the millers for strict compliance of the above instructions.

7. To ensure effective management of once used gunny bags, a two-level storage approach is recommended. Primary storage at the District/Division level shall involve proper acknowledgement of gunny bags collected from various sources, including Rice Millers and APSCSCL-owned bags. Primary storage shall be overseen by Sub-Collector/RDO and Secondary storage at Mandal level shall be overseen by Tahsildars.

8. PSAs (Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies) will be instructed to maintain distinct and separate accounts for once used gunny bags. This approach will enable precise tracking and efficient management of gunny bags used in paddy procurement.

9. The District Administration will make arrangements for the transportation of used gunny bags from these storage points to Paddy Procurement Centers (PPCs) at RBKs. APSCSCL will cover the costs associated with transportation.

10. The Sub-Collector/RDO of each Revenue Division shall over see the entire procurement process within their jurisdiction, with a specific focus on quality of the gunnies and gunny collection from Rice Millers. Regular inspections shall be conducted at rice mills.

11. In cases where APSCSCL provided gunny bags are utilised for paddy filling, user charges shall not be considered for payment. Therefore, such gunny bags will be collected back from rice millers after the delivery of Custom Milled Rice (CMR) ensuring proper reconciliation.

12. The APSCSCL shall ensure return of once used gunnies to the respective mills supplied by the millers once the procurement of that particular season is completed.

The VC&MD, APSCSCL, District Collectors/Collectors (CS) shall take further necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To

1. The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, A.P., Vijayawada.
2. The VC & MD, A.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited, Vijayawada.
3. The Managing Director, AP MARKFED, Vijayawada.
4. All District Collectors.
5. The General Manager (A.P.), Food Corporation of India, Vijayawada.
6. The Chief Executive Officer, SERP, Vijayawada.
7. All the Joint Collectors & EOEDS, APSCSCL)
8. All the District Supply Officers.
9. All DMs of APSCSCL and AP MARKFED.
10. The Commissioner for Cooperation and Registrar of Cooperative Societies, A.P., VJA.

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1. Principal Secretary to Govt., Revenue (CT), Dept, A.P.

2. The Special Chief Secretary to Govt., Agri. & Cooperation & Chief Commissioner of RBKS.
3. The Principal Secretary to Government, Agriculture, Mktg&Coop. Dept.,
4. The Commissioner & Director of Marketing, A.P., Guntur.
5. The Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
6. The Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister for information
7. The P.S to Hon'ble Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food& Civil Supplies, A.P.
8. The P.S to Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Horticulture, A.P
9. The P.S to Hon'ble Minister for Marketing Department, A.P.
10. The President, Rice Millers Association, A.P.,
11. The Commissioner, Printing and Stationery, A.P., Vijayawada with a request to publish the G.O. in AP gazette.

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